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# YOUNG SOCCEROOS DUO TO REPRESENT WA AT WORLD CUP

Western Australia's Mark Birighitti and Trent Sainsbury have been selected in Jan Versleijen's 21-player Qantas Young Socceroos squad that will compete at the upcoming FIFA U-20 World Cup in Colombia.

Fifteen players have been drawn from the ranks of the Hyundai A-League, which includes the WA boys with Birighitti at Adelaide United and Sainsbury at Central Coast Mariners.

Versleijen believes that the squad he has selected will be ready to perform when the tournament begins at the end of the month.

"I am very happy with the final selection and it is good to have the majority of the squad back together that did so well at the AFC Championships last year," said Versleijen

"It is also good to see that since last October the majority of the players have progressed to the starting line-ups of their respective Hyundai A-League or overseas based clubs.

"It is very exciting that the tournament is so close and we will use our training camp in Denver, where we will play two friendly matches against quality opposition, to finalise our preparations," concluded Versleijen.

The Qantas Young Socceroos will play their first match of the tournament against Ecuador on Sunday 31 July, and then face Costa Rica on Wednesday 3 August before their final group match against Spain on Saturday 6 August.

The top two teams from each of the groups and the four third placed teams with the highest number of points will then progress to the round of 16 (9 & 10 August). The Quarter-Finals will be played on 13 & 14 August, Semi-Finals on 17 August with the Final and 3rd/4th place play-off on Saturday 20 August.

The Qantas Young Socceroos matches and the Semi-Finals and Final of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011 will be broadcast live on SBS TV.

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### Qantas Young Socceroos Squad for FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011

**\*WA players in bold**

Name	Club, Country	Date of Birth
Matthew ACTON (gk)	Brisbane Roar	3/6/1992
Mustafa AMINI	Central Coast Mariners	20/4/1993
Terry ANTONIS	Sydney FC	15/11/1993
Jake BARKER-DAISH	Gold Coast United	7/5/1993
<b>Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk)</b>	<b>Adelaide United</b>	<b>17/4/1991</b>
Kerem BULUT	Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic	2/3/1992
Kofi DANNING	Brisbane Roar	2/3/1991



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Matthew FLETCHER	Uncontracted	1/6/1992
Petar FRANJIC	Melbourne Victory	7/4/1992
Sam GALLAGHER	Central Coast Mariners	5/5/1991
Rhyan GRANT	Sydney FC	26/2/1991
Brendan HAMILL	Melbourne Heart	18/9/1992
Bernie IBINI-ISEI	Central Coast Mariners	12/9/1992
Ben KANTAROVSKI	Newcastle Jets	20/1/1992
Mathew LECKIE	Borussia Monchengladbach, Germany	4/2/1991
Dylan McGOWAN	Gold Coast United	6/8/1991
Tommy OAR	FC Utrecht, Netherlands	10/12/1991
Dimitrios PETRATOS	Sydney FC	10/11/1992
<b>Trent SAINSBURY</b>	<b>Central Coast Mariners</b>	<b>5/1/1992</b>
Lawrence THOMAS (gk)	uncontracted	5/5/1992
Marc WARREN	Sheffield United, UK	11/2/1992

For more information regarding the FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011, please visit [www.fifa.com/columbia2011](http://www.fifa.com/columbia2011)

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